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FIVE CENTS.

PHOTO FRAMES...

—in celluloid, beautifully embossed in silver.
—from 25 cents to \$1.50. These are marked
—ed exceedingly low, and are selling fast.

PURE SPICES...

just placed in stock for Christmas seasoning.

Flemings' Drug Store

BRANDON, MANITOBA.

HOLIDAY

CLEARING SALE!

The time is short between now and New Year's and we are bound to improve it. When people enter our store these days they have their eyes open. When they read the papers they don't forget the advertisements. Hence we advertise—we make a display—we quote prices and we back up our statements by the goods mentioned every time.

When people buy presents these days they consult the usefulness of the present, every time. That's where we shine. Everything we sell is useful—whether it is intended as a gift or not. The store is bristling with bargain goods, and your best plan is to shop early—and often.

Suits!

Men's Tweed Suits, regularly worth \$6.50, Holiday price.....	\$4.95
Men's Irish Tweed Suits, worth \$8.50, Holiday price.....	\$6.00
Men's Serge Suits, worth \$7.00, Holiday price.....	\$5.00
Men's Foxe's Serge Suits, worth \$15.00, Holiday price.....	\$11.50
10 Men's Frieze Suits, worth \$10.00, Holiday price.....	\$6.95

Overcoats!

Men's Heavy Frieze Coats, worth \$10.00, Holiday price.....	\$4.95
Men's Heavy Frieze Coats, worth \$8.50, Holiday price.....	\$6.00
Men's Extra Heavy Frieze Coats, worth \$11.50, Holiday price.....	\$8.50

Also a nice range of Beaver's and Melton's Coats at the same low prices.

30 Boys' Tweed and Frieze Overcoats, sizes from 24 to 36, to be cleared out—the balance of this month—AT COST.

Furnishing!

Men's Silk Ties, either string or knot, worth 40c, Holiday price.....	40c
Men's Silk Ties, either string or knot, worth 25c, Holiday price.....	25c
Men's Fancy Braces, all colorings and buckles, worth 40c, Holiday price.....	25c
Men's Fancy Braces, dark checks and spots, worth 50c, Holiday price.....	25c
Men's Silk Cashmere Mufflers, worth 75c, Holiday price.....	50c
Men's All wool Underwear, worth \$1.25 a suit, Holiday price.....	\$1.00
Men's Scotch Wool Underwear, worth \$2.00 a suit, Holiday price.....	\$1.50

Lots of things we haven't mentioned—call and see for yourself, and be sure that our "Holiday Prices" down everything.

McDonald & Calvert

Cor. Ninth Street and Rosser.

Solid Comfort.

Lazy, luxurious ease. The after-dinner smoke, the latest magazine, the easy comfortable chair—there's the idea, the chair.

THE SOLID COMFORT LOUNGING CHAIR for use in library, smoking room or veranda. A model of perfection and comfort. Just the thing to give the man of the house for Christmas. Intwo styles, \$10, \$12, 16, \$18.

A NOBBY PARLOR ROCKER for \$2.90.

For the convenience of our friends, we will reserve and store, until wanted, all Christmas purchases on which one-half cash is paid. Pick out your presents NOW.

Our Upholstering Department has been increased by the arrival of an experienced Eastern man and we are now better prepared than ever to turn out the best of work at short notice.

CAMPBELL & CAMPBELL

ARTISTIC HOME FURNISHERS

Undertakers and Embalmers.

Telephone store 188, house 20.

BRANDON.

A Historical Sketch of the "Wheat City."

Had the natural course of things held its way this city would have been built on the north side of the river, at Grand Valley. As early as 1878, after the change of government, when it was announced the government had abandoned the construction of the C. P. R. through Rapid City, population flocked southward, and when it was in 1879, definitely known the road was to cross the Assiniboine where it has crossed it, the rush of settlement was very great there being, perhaps, as many as 400 people in the place late that fall. As, however, the McViears, who owned the townsite, refused the fabulous price offered for it by the company, there was no alternative but to move the town, and move it did the next spring the stampede being aided by the heavy floods of that spring, 1880. As a land mark, by the way, we may here say that of the residents of Grand Valley that spring, and who were among the first to remove to the new town, Brandon, there are now residents of this place but Thomas Lee, A. Trotter and E. Evans. Mr. Lee, then as now, was in the harness line, Mr. Evans was horse dealing and Mr. Trotter expert ring and contracting. We may here also say as a bit of history that about a hundred years before there was an old trading post at the junction of the Little Souris and Assiniboine (north side) the remains of which are still traceable, called Brandon, from an Old Country county seat. This fort in turn gave its name to the Hills to the south, and they in turn transferred it to the city, so through a circuitous route Brandon city has derived its name from a Scottish country residence.

Messrs. F. Lee, A. Trotter and E. Evans are then the resident parents of the city, and from appearances they are likely stayers. The fourth was Mr. F. E. Durst, who has lately become a subject of the stars and stripes. As a matter of fact the city of Brandon was for some months a city of white tents; but the following spring building operations began in earnest, the little frame shack just west of the flour mill being the first frame that was erected, and in which T. M. Daly hung out his shingle and C. Whitehead his as a lumber dealer. The first respectable residence was, however, put up by E. Evans, on the southwest corner of Princess and 6th st. It would open the eyes of the uninitiated to hear what that building cost him—ordinary lumber as much as \$50.00 per m. and brick nearly their own weight in silver. The Assiniboine and wagon carriage from Winnipeg were to that time the means of ingress and exit.

As the C. P. R. on crossing the river opened their first passenger depot in the west end of the old freight shed, where the offices now are, the town naturally took its rise on Pacific ave. the corner of 6th street, being recognized as the spot of all others to build on. That led to the erection of the Harris House and the Brandon House, to control the "gates of Hercules," Geo. Winter, now in the customs service in British Columbia, and Captain Wastie, long a central figure in the place, opened a store in a frame on Pacific ave., reduced to ashes some years since. Coombe & Stewart moved across the river and opened in groceries on 6th street, followed in quick succession by Wm. Winters and Bower, Blackburn, Mundle and Porter in a very large way in the building now on the s.e. corner of Pacific ave. and 10th street. T. B. Miller, of the Portage, opened in hardware shortly after to return to the Portage again a year later. Leask & Rose began in drugs and shortly removed to White-laws's present stand.

During 1881 and 1882, W. Crawford, D. L. S., experienced considerable difficulty in laying out the town site as fast as it was taken up. To use a vulgarism the boomers were always a ter his tracks, grabbing lots as soon as they could be obtained. In 1883 the present city was skeletoned, so to speak. The Langham and Daly's residence were conspicuous in the west. Rounseell's store on 1st street just south of the bridge and the court house were rising in the east, and stakes were every where in the ground south to the crystal hall and north to where the asylum now stands. So that so early in the place a large city was, at least sketched out, and it has been filling up rapidly ever since.

In the earlier days and up to the 4th of March, 1881, this whole country was territory all west of Sidney, on the C.P.R. and therefore under Northwest rule. Any whiskey used then had to be smuggled in as its use was prohibited. By an act of the Provincial Legislature on the 4th of March, 1881, the boundaries of the province were extended to their present western limit, and until Provincial Legislation in operation, could be extended there was a sort of joint authority governing.

The city's incorporation act was passed on the 26th of May, 1882, and the first council composed of T. M. Daly, Mayor, and Alds. W. Winter, A. L. Sifton, J. A. Brock, E. Evans, G. Winters, J. A. Smart, S. H. Bower, T. Lockhart, L. Buchanan, L. M. Fortier, J. W. Horne and C. Pilling held their first meeting in the school house on 10th street on the 3rd of the following July. The following officers were appointed: Dan. Campbell, constable; Thos. Winter, treasurer; A. L. McChieff of Police; Andrew Waddell, assessor and collector; F. G. A. Henderson, solicitor; E. Martindale, clerk; and Poudrier, city engineer. The first assessment of the city was completed on the 13th of October, 1882, giving a population of 1,142, real estate valued at \$998,869, personal property \$3,700, and buildings \$9,750. From this as a commencement the city took its rise and has grown to present proportions. Instead of meeting in a school house now the council occupy a city hall costing \$10,000. We have nearly 50 times the population of that year; a system of water works and sewers complete enough for a population of 25,000; a gaol and court house that cost \$75,000, schools, good enough for a place four times the size of Brandon; an asylum; the best managed hospital in the country; a large number of well paying local industries, hotels, stores, etc., equal to the best in Canada. These are all attributable to the enterprise and public spirit of the residents. In later issues we will go more minutely into the matter to show Brandon's material progress.

McGREGOR.

McGregor, Dec. 15. —Mr. David Sinclair, a farmer living four miles north of here, met with a very serious accident on Monday night. Mr. Sinclair was spending the evening at Mr. Wilson's, which place he left about 12 on horse back carrying in his hand a ballot box, having been appointed deputy returning officer. Shortly after his departure Mr. Wilson heard a horse in his yard and found it was the one which Mr. Sinclair had left on. On searching he found Mr. Sinclair about half a mile from his place on the road, quite insensible and badly cut about the face. Dr. Pennefather was at once sent for. On arriving the doctor pronounced it a serious case, as Sinclair is paralyzed on one side, and up to noon on Tuesday had not shown any signs of consciousness. Mr. Sinclair has been removed to the Winnipeg hospital.

All regret to learn that Donald Smith, near Austin, is lying in a very critical condition, suffering from a stroke of paralysis.

The election in McGregor was a remarkably quiet one, neither of the candidates having solicited any votes. Since the drop in wheat, little is being marketed.

R. R. Merriell is in Vinden.

E. Rogers is in Portage la Prairie.

E. P. Laughlin, our genial agent, met with a painful accident today, a heavy slide, with a barrel on it, fell on his foot. Fortunately the weight was checked by another piece of board.

Mrs. W. B. Walker and Mrs. Jas. Menzie left last week for Ontario, and will spend the winter there.

BERESFORD.

Mr. Jas. Moore and R. E. Hopkins have returned from the Dauphin district.

Messrs. Ingram and Stevens have opened up a wood and coal yard here, and are handling the best at the lowest prices.

M. Robert Morrison, of Beresford, left on the 15th to visit his father and friends in Perth County, Ontario.

The Rev. Mr. Allison is drilling the little folks for an entertainment and New Year's tree, in the Beresford Methodist church.

NO AVAIL.

Adam Soper, of Burk's Falls, Found All Remedies for Kidney Disease of No Avail. Until He Used South American Kidney Cure—To-Day He is a Well Man and Gives the Credit Where it is Due.

"For a long time I have been a great sufferer from disease of the kidneys. The pains I suffered were the severest. I had tried all kinds of remedies, but all to no avail. I was persuaded to try South American Kidney Cure. Have taken half a dozen bottles, and I can confidently say that to-day I am a cured man, and can highly recommend this great medicine to all sufferers from kidney trouble."—Said by Fleming & Son and N. J. Haplin.

OAK RIVER.

Quite a number of our neighbors left last week for Ontario, amongst them being Mr. T. Sawyer, Mrs. Ball and children, also Mr. Henniker, the popular superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School. We wish them all much enjoyment during their visit to the eastern province.

Mr. E. H. Gling is doing a rushing business in his new store which usually presents a lively appearance. He talks of running the other storekeepers out of town.

Most of the councillors for Blanshard were re-elected by acclamation, Mr. S. P. Iretton succeeds Mr. Stewart, who resigned without going to a poll. On Tuesday, Dec. 15, a election took place in ward 3, giving Hayes a majority of four over MacFarland.

The members of the Methodist church have organized a choir which makes quite an improvement in the service. The anthem on Sunday last was well rendered under the leadership of the organist, Miss Todd, who is to be congratulated on her success.

An attempt has lately been made here to re-organize the lodge of I. O. F. which has been defunct for some years, but with what success we have been unable to learn.

A number of the neighbors have commenced to draw wood from the mountains. Some are intending to get up enough for two or three years as they have to go farther back each winter and the demand is increasing rapidly.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Mrs. Nicholson, mother of Mr. S. Nicholson foreman on this section. She is not expected to recover as she has attained to a ripe old age.

DOUGLAS.

Douglas, Dec. 16.—W. R. Boles held a shooting match here on Friday last. About twenty of the Brandon sports took part, among them being Chief Kirkaldy, J. Cummings, Geo. Andrews, J. Irving and several other shots of local fame. The first event was a live bird sweep, five birds each, but owing to the non-arrival of some of the pigeons, it was reduced to three birds each, and was won by Jas. Westcott, of Douglas. The pigeon shoot in the afternoon was won by Wm. Lane, of Brandon, after shooting off three ties with Mr. Irving, of Kenney.

Among those of Douglas who attended the banquet in honor of Mr. Sifton were: Mr. Geo. Mahon and wife, Mr. John Cleghorn and wife, Mr. J. C. Berry and Dr. Thompson.

Robt. Hamilton has taken charge of the Northern elevator at this point, in the place of J. Ronaldson.

Chas. Yoe, Thos. Rivers, A. King and Mrs. Ferguson are Douglasites who have taken advantage of the excursion rates to visit friends in the east.

The skating rink will be open as just as soon as the weather will permit the ice being formed. Mr. J. Twist, who built it by contract, has given entire satisfaction, both for time and workmanship.

PRESENTATION.

Mr. F. W. Adams, President of the Methodist Sunday School, was made the recipient of a very handsome tea event the other day by the school. The presentation was accompanied by the following address, beautifully engraved:

TO MR. F. W. ADAMS.
DEAR SIR:—We, the officers and teachers of the Methodist S.S. embrace this opportunity of expressing our sentiments in regard to you as our superintendent. For many years you have taken an active part in Sabbath school work, not only in Brandon but in the Province of Manitoba. Since your appointment as supt. our school has enjoyed a term of prosperity not surpassed, if equaled in its history. It has steadily progressed until it has attained its present proportions, and we cannot but feel this is in a large measure due to the able manner in which you have conducted the teachers' Bible class. As officers and teachers associated with you in your work and responsibility, we desire to express our appreciation of your personal worth, of your uniform kindness and of the unflinching zeal with which you have presented your work. Please accept the accompanying tea service as a token of the appreciation and warm attachment to you personally, and with prayers that the blessing of God may continue to rest upon you and your family, and that your life may long be spared to serve and bless the church.

Signed on behalf of the officers and teachers,

S. E. CLEMENT.
Brandon, Dec. 14th, 1896.

FROM AGONY TO JOY.

Acute Sufferings From Acute Rheumatic Ailment. Relieved by South American Rheumatic Cure. When Hope Had Well-Nigh Gone—Mrs. W. Ferris, Wife of a Well-Known Manufacturer of Glencoe, Cheerfully Tells The Story of Her Cure.

"I was for years a great sufferer from rheumatic affection, in my ankles, and at times in my back. I could not walk. I tried every known remedy and treated with best physicians for years, but no permanent relief. Although my condition in remedial was able exhausted, I was induced to try South American Rheumatic Cure. I purchased a bottle. The very first dose gave me relief, and after taking two bottles all pain had vanished and there has been no return of it. I do cheerfully recommend this great remedy."—Said by Fleming & Son and N. J. Haplin.

Brandon

Machine Works Co.

Tenth Street, Brandon.

BRASS AND IRON FOUNDERS.

CRUSHER ROLLERS ETC.

Scrap cast iron taken in trade.

SOURIS.

Mr. J. D. Ross and family left on a trip to Ontario on Saturday.

Mr. Wm. McCulloch sold a steer to Tom Carveth last week, which was one year and a half old, and weighed 1,100 pounds.

Mr. Arthur Brindley, of New Denver, B.C., who has been visiting friends here for a few weeks, returned west on Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Herriot returned from Rapid City on Monday evening. The firm has put in a new boiler at the Rapid City mill and Mr. Herriot has been overseeing the work.

The Brezelawn Sabbath school will hold its annual Xmas entertainment on Monday, December 28th, in Brezelawn school house at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 cents.

The new council will be composed as follows: Reeve, R. I. Crisp; councillors, Ward 1, George Kerr; Ward 2, W. W. Fallis; Ward 3, A. Gerow; Ward 4, W. A. Dolmage; Ward 5, J. G. Bastedo; Ward 6, Thos. Stephenson.

Mr. Robert Douglas, of Hespith, accompanied by his brother James, an Ontario farmer, left for the east on Tuesday. The latter gentleman recently brought up for ranch feeding a number of Ontario grown store cattle. The Douglases are all great stock men.

A load of wheat grown in the Moffat settlement south, cut after the latest harvest, was sold on the street on Wednesday for 62 cents. It was a fine quality of red fife and scarcely showed evidence of damage in any respect. That south country seems to have great immunity from frost.—Plaindealer.

HARTNEY.

In Winchester the following are elected: Reeve, E. Keer; councillors, ward 1, Morrison; ward 2, H. Mantz; ward 3, H. Turner; ward 4, W. J. Thomas.

H. C. Pierce has invented a smoke consumer which can be attached to any boiler and for which he received the silver medal from the patent office at Washington as being the most meritorious and useful invention during the month in which it was entered. We have to give fuller particulars of this invention in a future issue.

On Monday evening last a volunteer sleeping car was stationed here for the accommodation of a number of our people who were going east to visit friends. The following were the passengers: R. J. Jasper and Mrs. W. Jasper, W. A. Macgregor, Mrs. Macgregor, Geo. Lang, Mrs. Helen, Mrs. Shaw and children, H. Childress, Mrs. Childress, Mrs. Joan Graham, Mrs. M. Graham, Benoit, Dr. and Mrs. McKeown and family, Dr. M. J. Jones, Dr. A. A. McKeown and Mrs. McKeown, R. E. Murray and Mrs. Murray, T. W. Henry, Mrs. Henry and family, Mr. Scott, J. W. Scott and Mrs. Scott, who were passengers for the east by Thursday's train.

W. J. Sargent beat J. Scott by 51 votes in the contest for the Repeal of Day. He polled every vote in his own township but one and that was R. French's, the latter having driven out from Brandon to poll it. He also had a majority in all the other townships except the one in which Mr. Scott resides.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

MOST PERFECT MADE.

A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.

40 Years the Standard.

THE OLD STAND, 8th STREET, BRANDON, MAN.

LADIES' WATCHES

are now so cheap—especially if purchased from us—that you can afford to purchase one for an

Xmas Gift!

A reliable watch is a joy for ever.

D. A. REESOR

Watchmaker and Optician.

Eyes tested free.

Issuer of Marriage Licenses.

LOCAL NEWS.

Cartwright has beaten Killarney at curling.

The Rev. Mr. Watts is visiting in Montreal.

Miss Anna McMillan is home from Bagan for the holidays.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8:30 and after the morning service.

R. I. Crisp, bent A. L. Young by 40 votes in the contest for the Reeve of Glenwood.

Conventions were taken up in most of the churches here last Sunday in aid of the hospital.

The Brandon hockey team will play their first match of the season in Carberry on the 15th of January.

G. L. Dodds and J. B. Croft had a very keen race for the Reeve of Arthur. Dodds winning by 4 votes only.

Reeve McDonald of Oakland was in the city and received the congratulations of his friends on his recent election.

Mr. John Hopper came up from Winnipeg on Friday and takes a position with his father, D. A., in the bank.

Invitations are out for a leap year ball to be given by the matrons and maids of Brandon on Wednesday the 20th inst.

Mr. F. J. Scott, the well known vocalist, intends to form a music class to the end that he may present a cantata in the near future.

Rev. John Davis, a returned missionary from India will fill the pulpit of the Baptist church here during January and February.

The news of the returns of the Stornoway election gave particular pleasure to the Liberal workers here who anxiously awaited word on Saturday night.

Mr. W. D. Clement has in his show-cases "shadow graphed" handkerchiefs. With ones best girls or best fellows' photo-handkerchiefs will be doubly useful.

The Misses Matt and Brown gave a surprise party on Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. Sutherland, 10th st., where an enjoyable time was spent by those present.

The Grand March at the rink on Thursday night drew quite a crowd, although out a little short, was well attended. The skaters would appreciate the march once a week as a practice.

Mr. B. Bookstore is distancing all competitors in exclusively holiday goods such as plush, celluloid and leather goods, toys, Xmas and New Year cards, dolls, children's slights and carriage, etc. Just call and compare bargains.

The Northern Pacific announce that they will have their usual Christmas and New Year's excursion rates in effect during the holiday season which will be based on one and one-third for the round trip between all points in Manitoba, and 1-1/2 inclusive and December 23rd to 24th inclusive and December 25th to 26th inclusive with final limit January 2nd.

A number of the inmates of the Assiniboine, accompanied by attendants were treated to a sleigh drive on Saturday morning. The sleighs were pulled by the inmates and the attendants.

The Carlton-Guthrie company will complete a two-week's engagement on Saturday. Their prolonged stay will be appreciated as notwithstanding the low prices the entertainments are up to the standard and deserve more liberal patronage. Miss Clara Mathies is a brightly young actress and makes a happy addition to the company. As a dancer she made a decided hit, and is a strong support to the leading actress, Miss Beatrice Thomas.

Our former readers and in fact all others should attend the Farmers' meeting in the city hall at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The Dominion commission who are now making the round of the country to consider the necessary tariff reform are expected to be here and the farmers are expected to put their case in shape on Saturday. Any one who has any suggestions to make on the matter should be present and put his ideas in form. Let there be a rousing meeting.

Mr. Will Trench is home from Winnipeg for the holidays.

Judge Cumberland has returned from holding court in Virden.

Miss Keith left last week to spend Christmas with her parents in Chicago.

The anthem at the morning service will be "Arise Shine for Thy Light is Come."

The City band has been engaged to play at the Alexander carnival, New Year's Eve.

Smith & Burton's window are very tastefully arranged, resembling somewhat a tropical garden.

Mr. Robt. Thurston left a few days ago to spend Xmas with his parents who live in Oregon, U.S.

The Sunday School festival of St. Matthew's will be held in the City Hall on Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.

Mr. Jack Patterson, of Carrol, formerly foreman of Kelly's stables, was married on Wednesday, 16th inst., to Miss Susie Hutchison, of Hayfield.

Miss Abbie Clement has returned from Chicago much improved in health as the result of a successful operation performed in that city.

On the festival of Our Lord, commonly called Christmas Day, services will be held in St. Matthew's church at 8:30, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Mr. G. Griffith, one of the proprietors of the Marine Railway, of Vancouver, is visiting in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Christie.

In a number of the churches of the city suitable services for the Christmas season were held and appropriate sermons preached last Sunday evening.

The Japs in Campbell & Campbell's window are forcing the season in earnest. A large sunshade and badly sun burnt at that is a novelty in a Manitoba December.

West Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 21.—Stony Creek gives Davis 2 majority; Fleets Springs gives Davis 2 majority. The majority is now 129 for Davis, with nine votes to hear from.

Ald. McKenzie received the sad news of the death of his brother, Dr. McKenzie, Essex Centre, suddenly of typhoid fever. The doctor then a young man was here in 1882.

Tommy Burns has captured Santa Claus and has given him rather uncomfortable quarters in Reesor's east window. The sudden appearance of St. Nick may have caused the child's hasty retirement.

A thief named Grant stole a fur cap from the Governor-General's private car the other day in Winnipeg, and sold it in an "old clo" establishment. It is granted that that man is no respecter of persons.

A fatal accident, the result of carelessness occurred on the flats on Monday morning by which a three-year-old child named Mathuska lost its life. It appears that the mother went out to wash early in the morning, later the elder brother went to school and the step-father went somewhere else leaving the child alone in the house.

From the evidences the child set fire to its clothes by lighting splinters at the stove. When found it was lying dead on the floor, its clothes all burned off and its body in a crisp. The father was drowned while crossing the Assiniboine about three years ago. Once before the family had their house on the flats burned down by a child lighting matches.

Mr. J. Green received a telegram Friday evening last from his sister, Mrs. Allen, conveying intelligence of the death of her husband, C. W. Allen well and favorably known here. Deceased, who was foreman at the Brandon Machine Works, had an attack of hemorrhage about a year ago and had been in poor health since. Thinking it advisable to escape the rigor of the Manitoba winter he, in company with his wife, left for his old home in Dutton, Ont., in the fall, but the disease proved the stronger and death claimed its victim. The many friends of Mrs. Allen in the city, where she was an energetic worker in Christian circles, are grieved to learn of her sad bereavement. Mr. F. W. Adams in behalf of the members of the Methodist S. S. and Epworth League sent a message of condolence to their bereaved sister and a tribute to their departed brother.

Many of our enterprising merchants are making unique window displays, which reflect credit on the taste and ingenuity of those in charge. Messrs. Campbell & Campbell's presumably Japanese and Chinese dolls, with their characteristic robes, are objects of curiosity. A. C. Fraser & Co. have an ideal Xmas Eve scene with Santa Claus in the very act of filling the stockings in one window, and a "man drawing a merry load in a boat, in the other; S. W. Bates, butcher, shows a typical Manitoba chase with a hare scampering over the snow through a thicket; T. F. Butcher's fly postered boy and Nation & Shaw's boat of burden and bowing dervish attract considerable attention. Wilson, Rankin & Co. are well in the race with exquisite things and Tommy Green has the pig race of the present century. Many others are worthy of mention but space will not permit. A noticeable feature in a stroll on Rosser, however, is the prevalence of toys and fancy goods, suit-bla articles for Xmas gifts, but before purchasing these call at the Mail Bookstore where you will find quantity, variety and cheapness interesting features.

DIED.

TODD—On the 14th inst., Bertha Elizabeth, daughter of J. R. Todd, of Hillview, aged 17 years and 9 months.

HOW LONDON LOOKS AT IT.

We observe that the wonderful position attained by the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, is attracting the attention of great American and English publishers who appear to be amazed that such a success could be achieved by a colonial paper. One English paper sent a representative to Montreal and is now engaged in enquiring into the organization of the Star and its huge achievements.

UNDESIRABLE THINGS.

The grocer who sells undesirable foods just for the sake of making a few cents is not a safe man to trade with.



Some grocers themselves are deceived. This is proof of either carelessness or ignorance on their part, but it doesn't make the groceries any better. It gives just as much dissatisfaction as though the grocer intended it.

Undesirable spices can't come into this store in any way. We know enough about them to know when they are pure and when they are not. It isn't wholly a question of price with us. We get the best that money will buy, then sell it with a fair percentage of profit added.

You can form a general opinion of what it costs to buy of us from these prices:

Codfish, 2 pound boxes each	18 cents
" 5 " boxes " "	45 "
Yarmouth Bloaters, per doz	40 "
Herrings " "	35 "
Finnan Haddie, per pound	10 "

SPECIALS.

From now until the end of the year we will sell 10 pound boxes of Macaroni or Vermicelli at 75 cents—5 pound boxes, 40 cents—1 pound box (regular price 12 cents) 9 cents

Combination Mop Sticks, 12 cents each. This is allowing a discount of 25 per cent off regular prices and this is the time of the year when the goods are seasonal. A plate of good hot Macaroni or Vermicelli Soup is the right thing in cold weather.

Combination Mop Sticks are very useful in the winter. These sticks will hold either a cloth or scrubbing brush firmly and you can clean the floor without tiring your back or catching cold by kneeling on the floor.

The reason we offer these reduced prices is because we have too many of the goods. After the end of this month our prices will be as shown in our catalogue, one third higher than above prices.

Smith & Burton, THE CASH GROCERS

MACDONALD BLOCK ROSSEY AVENUE...

TELEPHONE 202 A.

Our warehouse is for wholesale and mail orders only.

SWELL AFFAIRS!

demand Suits of Black Worsteds. Such suits are a necessity, not a luxury. Say! it sent anything more formal than a Cutaway its the most respected suit in your wardrobe. It ought to be cut from goods of known reliability, and trimmed the best. It ought to be your tailor's pride to put in voluntarily every detail known to the trade, that will add to the solidity of the structure and beauty of outline of your swell suit

We take as much pride as yourself in having everything best about your suit for swell affairs, and you can get a beauty for \$25, such as others charge \$30 for, or if you require an additional pair of pants—\$6 gets something "out of sight."

J. S. Andrews

THE TAILOR.

Rosser Avenue, Brandon.

YOU OUGHT

to save your dollars in buying your Watch.

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